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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SHEETS OF THE DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action, dated June 28, 2005, in the above-identified application. A Response to the Official Action is due on August 28, 2005, and is being filed concurrently herewith.

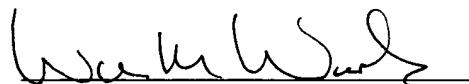
Enclosed are two (2) replacement sheets of corrected formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding sheet presently on file in the application. In the replacement sheets, reference character "8" (each occurrence) has been changed to --8a--, --8b--, --8c--, and --8d--, respectively in Figure 1 and the legend --PRIOR ART-- has been added to Figure 8 to overcome objections set forth in the Official Action.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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In re Application of: )  
Seiichi SHINOHARA, et al. ) : Examiner: Sandra L. Brase  
Application No.: 10/775,082 ) : Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: February 11, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 2928  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) : August 29, 2005  
: (Monday)

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SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification as required in the Official Action, mailed June 28, 2005. The originally-filed specification was found to be unacceptable because of the informalities noted by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner noted copy marks and partially-deleted words.

The substitute specification has been prepared to address those informalities and other informalities identified in a review of the original specification. A new Abstract of the Disclosure also is attached.

A marked-up copy of the original specification and Abstract of the Disclosure showing amendments using strikethrough and underlined text are also attached. In addition, a clean version of the amended specification, and Abstract of the Disclosure have been provided.

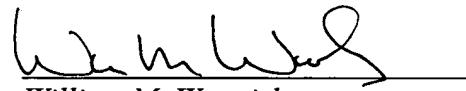
Applicants' undersigned attorney submits that the enclosed substitute specification and Abstract of the Disclosure do not contain any new matter.

It is believed that no fee should be incurred in connection with filing this paper.

However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be required.

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